



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS

**Law Court invites amicus briefs regarding
whether the title "Warranty Deed" by itself
conveys real property with warranty covenants**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae in the proceedings on a certified question from the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington in *Steven Kneizys v. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation et al.*, Law Court docket number Fed-22-73. The question certified raises an issue of first impression under Maine Law. Before answering the certified question, the Law Court seeks input from interested persons and entities and members of the Bar on the following question:

Whether the title "Warranty Deed" on a deed is sufficient by itself to convey real property with any warranty covenants when the body of the deed does not include any warranty covenant language, either in full form or in abbreviated form as permitted by the Short Form Deeds Act, 33 M.R.S. §§ 761-775 (2022).

The parties' briefs and the appendix are available on the Court's website at www.courts.maine.gov/quick/deeds.

An amicus brief may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity, or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court. Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **November 16, 2022**. An amicus brief must be filed at the address listed below and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7A. In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single "native" or text-based .pdf file, to the Clerk of the Law Court at lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

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